

REMARKS

The objection to Claim 13 and the rejection of Claim 10 under 35 USC §112, paragraph 2 have been addressed by the foregoing amendments.

The rejection of Claims 10-15 as being unpatentable over Nixon et al. in view of Pike under 35 USC §103(a) is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Neither, Nixon et al. nor Pike, singly or in alleged hypothetical combination, teach or suggest the present invention. The former involves a portable computer which requires a host system. Pike involves only a locating device and has nothing whatsoever to do with the monitoring of plant equipment. The rejection is based purely upon impermissible hindsight rather than any fair teaching in either Nixon et al. or Pike to make the combination.

Applicants have now amended the claims to recite a feature taught in their specification at, e.g., page 9, line 16 to page 10, line 1. No such feature is even remotely suggesting in or possible with the teachings in the Nixon et al. and Pike documents.

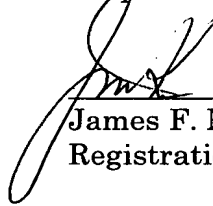
Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056203.51548C1).

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